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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of pending prior Application No. 09/406,575 (Confirmation No. 1763), filed on September 24, 1999 for "MEDICAL GRAFTING CONNECTORS AND FASTENERS."

1. Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on April 9, 2003 in Application No. 09/406,575.
2. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
3. A Reply to Final Office Action is enclosed.
4. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
6. A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.
7. A check in the amount of \$750.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

8. Please charge \$750.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

9. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

10.

 Please grant a one-month, two-month, three-month, four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Examiner's Action of February 6, 2003 in the above-identified patent application.

11. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed.

12. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

13. Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.



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